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DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The whole machinery employed to conduct the business arising out of our foreign relations with all the powers of the world is far more simple than generally supposed. The entire business of the Department of State is only sixteen, as follows: One Secretary of State, (Hon. William L. Marcy,) one Assistant Secretary of State, (William Hunter,) one chief clerk, twelve clerks, one translator, and one librarian.

Diplomatic Branch.—This branch of the State Department has charge of all correspondence between the department and other diplomatic agents; those accredited to this government. In it all diplomatic instructions sent from the department, and communications to commissioners under treaties of boundaries, &c., are prepared, copied, and recorded; and all like character received are registered and filed, their contents being first entered in an analytic table or index.

Consular Branch.—This branch has charge of the correspondence, &c., between the department and the consuls general of the United States. It instructions to the officers, and answers to their despatches and to letters from other persons asking for consular agency, or relating to consular affairs, are prepared and recorded.

The Browsing Agent.—He has charge of all correspondence and other matters connected with accounts relating to any fund with the disbursement of which the department is charged.

The Translator.—His duties are to furnish such translations as the department may require. He also records the communications of officials and civilians, when not in English, upon which papers are issued.

Office of Appointments and Commissions.—He number and record commissions, letters of appointment, and nominations to the service; makes out and records exequaturs, and records, when in English, the commissions on which they are issued. Has charge of the library.

Office of the Rolls and Archives.—He takes charge of the rolls, or enrolled acts and resolutions of Congress, as they are received at the department; the President prepares the annual messages, those to be delivered for presentation to the First Comptroller, and that of the Treasury, in the newspapers and in book form; attends to their distribution throughout the United States; and that of all documents and publications in regard to which this duty is assigned to the department; writing and answering all letters, and business relating thereto.

Office of Auditor and Register.—He receives and keeps the money of the United States in his own office, and that of the depositories created by the act of the 6th of August, 1845, and pays out the same upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury, countersigned by the First Comptroller, and upon warrants drawn by the Sixth Auditor, and recorded by the Register. He also holds public monies advanced by warrant to disbursing officers, and pays out the same upon their checks.

All communications respecting lost money, letters, mail deprivations, or other violations of law, or mail-robs and mail-theft should be directed "Chief Clerk, Post Office Department."

All registers of the arrivals and departures of the mails, certificates of mail failures, providing for mail registers, and reports of mail failures; providing and sending out mail-bags and mail locks and keys, and doing all other things which may be necessary to secure a faithful and exact performance of the duty assigned to him.

Travellers are requested to remember that this is the only route between Boston and New York, and that the distance between Washington and Westville, (four miles,) where a connection with the New York and Erie Railroad is made, is also the shortest, most speedy, and direct to nearly all the leading points in the great West. The distance from Washington to Cincinnati is about 600 miles, being about 100 miles shorter than by any other route.

For travel to and from Baltimore, Annapolis, &c., see special advertisements.

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The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, having greatly improved its western connection, now offers the fastest inducements to travel between Washington and the Southwest.

The connection between the train from Washington and the Baltimore and Ohio is now probably nearer at the year ending in June, 1856, than the previous class of the year ending in June, 1855, are hereby requested in ensemble to Washington, D. C., by the 1st of March, A. D. 1857, at the latest, to have their tickets and baggage checked through to Cincinnati, Ohio, so that the passenger may be enabled to exchange once more in their travel presenting sympathy, and to lament the untimely fate of the railroads.

A preliminary meeting of the self-appointed committee will be held on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1856, at the United Hotel, Chestnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, Philadelphia, at 10 o'clock A. M., when it may be conveniently invited to attend, when the necessary measures will be adopted to secure as far as possible.

In case of any difficulty who the notice is addressed will be made enough to furnish the secretary of the committee by mail with their respective post offices.

EDWARD J. GRANT, M. D.,

of Trenton, Vice-President of Committee.

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of Montgomery county, Maryland.

John WEIRMAN, of Lehigh, Pa., Secretary.

March 27—Treasurer (Intelligence).

All meetings in the civilized countries of the world are requested to be held on the 1st of March, A. D. 1857, so that the divisions of the globe; and all newspapers throughout the United States are requested to give it a gratuitous insertion on or about this date and the 1st of March, A. D. 1857.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER,

Washington Arsenal, August 20, 1855.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until October 1st, 1855, for the construction and equipment of a building in Washington, D. C., to be used for the storage of supplies, and for the use of the Quartermaster General, and the Adjutant General.

All registers of the arrivals and departures of the mails, certificates of the service of route agents, reports of mail failures, applications for blank registers, and reports of failures, and all complaints against contractors for irregular or imperfect service, should be directed "Inspection Office, Post Office Department."

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Hon. Jefferson Davis, Secretary of War. In the Secretary's office there are one chief clerk, seven subordinate clerks, two messengers, and four watchmen. The following bureaus are attached to this department:

Commanding General's Office.—This office, at the head of which Lieutenant General Scott, is at New York.

Adjutant General's Office.—Col. W. G. Fremont, Major General; Col. George C. Scott, Adjutant General.

Office of the Adjt. Gen.—Gen. George C. Scott, Adjt. Gen.

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